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APPLICANT: Lorraine E. Pena *et al.* ) DOCKET NO.: C-3528/2/US  
SERIAL NO.: 10/072,493 ) GROUP ART UNIT: 1615  
FILED: February 5, 2002 ) EXAMINER: Micah Paul Young  
TITLE: COMPOSITION FOR RECTAL DELIVERY OF AN OXAZOLIDINONE  
ANTIBACTERIAL DRUG

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month to respond to a non-final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, in prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. A shortened statutory time period for response of three months was set by the Office Action. In connection with this petition, please charge \$110.00 or the sum required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This reply, under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 is in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, cited above. Entry of the following amendment and remarks, and of a Declaration by Dr. Lorraine E. Pena Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 (hereinafter, the "Pena Declaration), submitted herewith, is specifically requested.



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The following amendment is presented in the revised format now permitted.  
Waiver of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (a)-(d) is respectfully requested.